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動物の
お医者
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さん

After the gerbils had lived there for four months, Hamuteru and Nikaidou passed the entrance examination. They enrolled into H-University in spring.

The fact that Hamuteru took a couple of gerbils into the Nishime house greatly bothered Nikaidou.

Nikaidou hates rats with a passion.

He hates them to the point that he can't bear the sight of them, the sound of them. The word 'rats' in books is intolerable to him. He won't even walk barefeet in the kitchen.

Because once a rat was there.

DISAPPOINTED

Nishime

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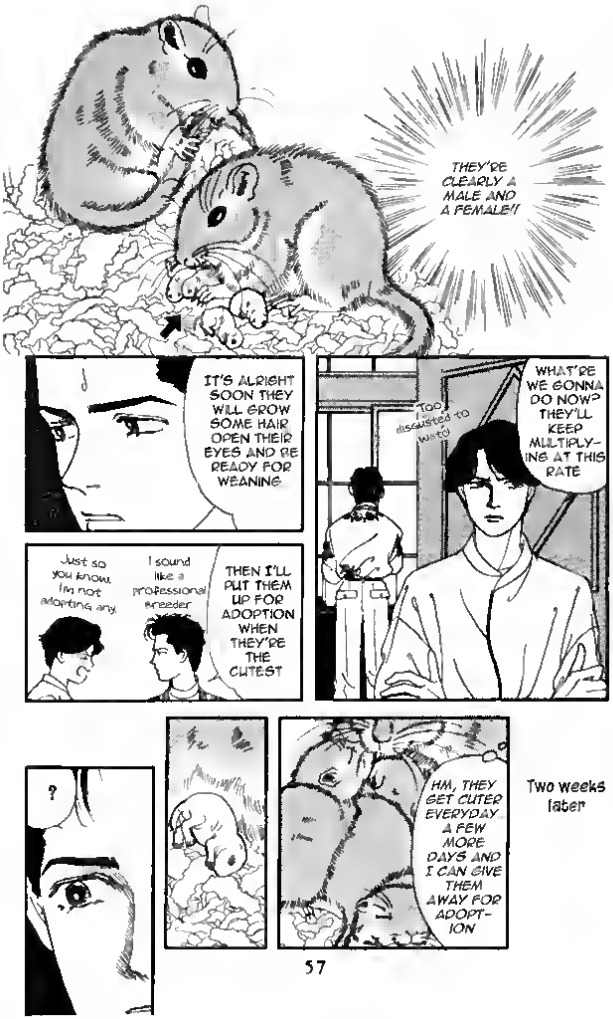
Nezumi

(T/N.All the characters above means mice/rats/rodents)

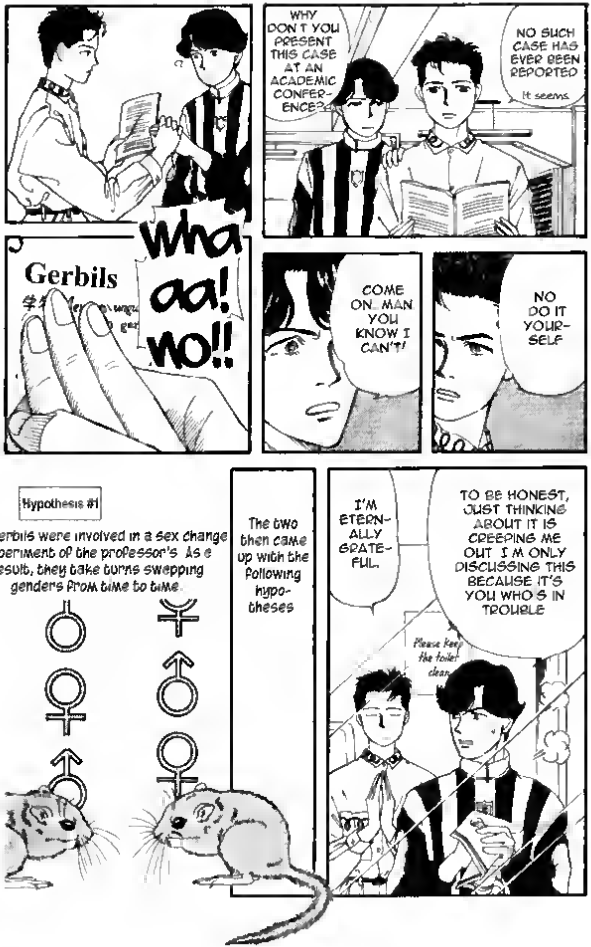
THEY'RE BOTH MALE, DON'T WORRY.

LIAR!


THEY'RE CLEARLY A MALE AND A FEMALE!!
IT'S ALRIGHT SOON THEY WILL GROW SOME HAIR OPEN THEIR EYES AND BE READY FOR WEANING
Too disgusted to watch
WHAT'RE WE GONNA DO NOW? THEY'LL KEEP MULTIPLYING AT THIS RATE
Just so you know, I'm not adopting any
I sound like a professional breeder
THEN I'LL PUT THEM UP FOR ADOPTION WHEN THEY'RE THE CUTEST
?
HM, THEY GET CUTER EVERYDAY. A FEW MORE DAYS AND I CAN GIVE THEM AWAY FOR ADOPTION
Two weeks later

THEY'RE BOTH FEMALE ?!

EXACTLY
IF THEY'RE BOTH FEMALES HOW ON EARTH COULD THERE BE BABIES?
I DIDN'T SEE WHEN THEY GAVE BIRTH. BUT I SAW THEM BREAST FEEDING THE BABIES.
THEY DIDN'T GET A SEX-CHANGE OPERATION, DID THEY?
FROM MY RESEARCH, A GERBIL'S GESTATION IS ONLY 24-26 DAYS
HEY, MAYBE THEY WERE ALREADY PREGNANT WHEN YOU BROUGHT THEM TO YOUR HOUSE.
TELL ME WHEN DID I GET THE GERBILS AGAIN?
FOUR MONTHS AGO.
THAT MEANS THEY MUST HAVE BEEN CONCEIVED IN YOUR HOUSE.


WHY DON'T YOU PRESENT THIS CASE AT AN ACADEMIC CONFERENCE?
NO SUCH CASE HAS EVER BEEN REPORTED
It seems.
Gerbils
Whaaa! no!!
COME ON. MAN YOU KNOW I CAN'T!
NO DO IT YOURSELF
Hypothesis #1
The gerbils were involved in a sex change experiment of the professor's. As a result, they take turns swapping genders from time to time.
The two then came up with the following hypotheses
I'M ETERNALLY GRATEFUL.
TO BE HONEST, JUST THINKING ABOUT IT IS CREEPING ME OUT. I'M ONLY DISCUSSING THIS BECAUSE IT'S YOU WHO'S IN TROUBLE
Please keep the toilet clean.

Hypothesis #3
The professor occasionally sneaked into Kamuteru's house and changed the gerbils
This one has prettier hair.
Hypothesis #2
Both gerbils are female. They each just happened to engage in a secret affair with rat bachelors residing in Kamuteru's house
Where did the bachelors come from?
He is from a group of gerbils that the professor freed before
I'LL DO MY EXPERIMENTS WITHOUT RATS, DUH!
HOW ARE YOU GOING BE A VET IF YOU WON'T TOUCH RATS?
I HOPE IT'S BOY SIDE.
ACTUALLY COMING UP WITH HYPOTHESES IS KINDA FUN. MAYBE I SHOULD PICK VETERINARY SCIENCE AS MY MAJOR
BEATS ME. HE LOOKS LIKE THAT KIND OF PERSON
WHY DID WE DECIDE THAT ALL THOSE ABSURD-SOUNDING HYPOTHESES ARE THE PROFESSOR'S DOING?
OUT OF THESE THREE HYPOTHESES WHICH ONE DO YOU THINK IS THE MOST PROBABLE?
PROBABLY #3
IT'S UNLIKELY THAT THERE ARE ANY LOOSE GERBILS IN MY HOUSE
BECAUSE WE HAVE MIKE

BE DAZZLED BY MY SKILLS
She also hunts animals other than rats, she preys on birds and insects too. Even cockroaches don't dampen her spirits.
Her prey is not limited to house rodents, she hunts those outside too. And she would bring them back to show us
Mike is a natural born hunter
SHE CATCHES SAUSAGES TOO SOME-TIMES
THAT'S CALLED THIEVING!
The gerbils are impossibly dumb and slow.
They wouldn't notice even if their friends were being fed.
SO WE CAN CUT ANY POSSI-BILITY THAT A MALE GERBIL WAS AROUND THE FEMALES' CAGE
They must think you're cute, Mike-chan
MY GRANDMA SPOILED HER ROTTEN, SAYING THAT IT WAS A GIFT
IF IT'S REALLY A GIFT, THAT CAT WOULDN'T BOTHER TO SHOW US

THEY AREN'T BRIGHT ANIMALS BY ANY STANDARD
to no end.
Drop in some toilet paper rolls and they keep gnawing.
When you stick your finger into the cage, they stretch and try to touch it.
THUD
and pass out on the spot.
IF you throw a crumpled handkerchief over them, they get a fright of their lives
startle
and gnawing
GNAW
GNAW
GNAW
and gnawing
GNAW
GNAW
GNAW
SNIFF
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THAT'S EVEN MORE STUPID. FAKING DEATH IN FRONT OF A HUNTER IS AS GOOD AS ASKING TO REALLY DIE
I GUESS SINCE THEY LIVE WHERE NO CATS ARE AROUND, A SWOOPING BIRD IS PROBABLY THEIR NATURAL ENEMY
I PANICKED AND PUT THEM UNDER RUNNING WATER
seems to work
Woke them up

During the weaning period, supplement with half a dried sardine & half a peanut.
HALF A SARDINE...
HALF A PEANUT...
TO HOLO MIKE?
NO. MIKE IS FREE TO ROAM AR, I NEED TO BUY SOME PEANUTS
HEY, YOU LEAVE THEM IN THE HOUSE LIKE THAT?
I BUILT A BARRI-CADE
(T/N: dried baby sardines, also known as Niboshi)
People in this house are, like, totally weird! Leaving these rats running around.
Why I can't reach it!
In a sec
Play with me

I will get them. All the rest of the people in this house are like, totally bogus at hunting.
I'M HOME CHOBI, MIKE
AND THE GERBILS
NAME THEM ALREADY
WHOA, THEIR EYES ARE OPEN NOW THIS ONE IS ADORABLE
I won't buy it
NIKAI-DOU, COME LOOK

NIKAIDOU, HOLD ON TO MIKE DON'T LET HER GO NO MATTER WHAT
MIKE, I'LL PLAY WITH YOU LATER
Come. I'll teach you how to catch a rat
Oh, this is for Mike?
THAT WASN'T YOUR FOOD!
YEAH, THEY LIVE IN A FISH TANK WITH IRON RACK ON TOP
EVEN IF A MALE HOUSE RAT MANAGED TO ESCAPE MIKE'S PAWS, HE COULDN'T GET IN
CHOBI, HAVE SOME TOO
Half peanut and half dried sardine→

HAVE SOME PEA-NUT
The other one noticed the peanut.
SNIFF SNIFF
NOT YOURS. you're not weaned yet
Ignorant
HERE, YOUR PEANUT
OWWW
BITE
CLATTER
Slow and an easy catch
AH, NO!
But bit him by surprise
THAT HURTS!
NIKAI-DOU, DON'T LET GO OF MIKE!
EH? WHY?

Faints
MOON
MOON
CHOBI, DON'T STEP ON THEM
Even though Nikaidou fainted, he held on to Mike very tightly.
I save up
sfx: Arghhhh
sfx. slam

We love soft fur
WHERE'RE THE OTHER FOUR?
THEY HAVE NO SENSE OF SURVIVAL, DO THEY?
I DIDN'T TOUCH THEM; THEY TOUCHED ME!
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COME ON DON'T BE A SPOIL SPORT YOU CAN FINALLY TOUCH RATS.
SO WHAT?
THE FIRST FIVE WERE ADOPTED

YUP
THOSE ARE NAMES ?!
Daddy
THE ONE WITH THE FUNNY FACE IS "DADDY"
AND THE CUTER ONE "MOMMY"
Mommy
I THINK THEY CAN ONLY BE MALE AND FEMALE I'VE NAMED THEM ALREADY
DADDY GAVE BIRTH TO THE BABIES AGAIN
DADDY GAVE BIRTH TO THE BABIES
But years have passed and Mommy hasn't once birthed babies.
So it might be possible that the professor snuck in and occasionally swapped the gerbils.
But then again, two weeks was still too short for the female gerbil to bear another litter.
normally twice a year
Maybe the male gerbils feel like breast feeding their babies sometimes, Hamutaro thought.
Come to think of it, Daddy must be female and Mommy male.

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THE SCANS WE FOUND FOR THIS MANGA ARE VERY SMALL. CAN YOU HELP US LOCATE A BIGGER VERSION?

WE'RE ALSO LOOKING FOR MORE STAFF TO WORK ON THIS PROJECT.

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